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Meeting with Jim Watson

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For information. To be read before your upcoming meeting with Mayor Jim Watson

Issue

You will be meeting with Jim Watson, the Mayor of the City of Ottawa. He has written a letter outlining his support for the joint project between Library and Archives Canada (LAC) and Ottawa Public Library, which is currently being considered in the context of Budget 2018.

Jim Watson, Tim Tierney (City Councillor, Ward 11) and Robyn Guest (Director of Policy, Mayor Watson) will be in attendance. Biographies for Mr. Watson, and Mr. Tierney are included in this package, no information was available for Robyn Guest).

Background

Canada's Public Archives and National Library building at 395 Wellington Street in Ottawa opened on June 20, 1967. The building was designed to house the then separate National Library of Canada and Public Archives of Canada with a focus on collection spaces as opposed to client service oriented spaces. Since the building was built 50 years ago, the public and non-public spaces are functionally less flexible for client services, severely limiting the variety of exhibits that can be displayed. LAC currently occupies 32,526 square metres of space at 395 Wellington.

In July 2015, the Ottawa City Council approved the construction of a new Central Library as a strategic priority for 2015-18. In November 2015, having consulted with Canadian Heritage, LAC expressed interest in exploring an opportunity to enter into a unique joint partnership with the Ottawa Public Library. On January 15, 2016, a letter of intent was signed between the Ottawa Public Library and Library and Archives Canada, establishing a Joint Project Steering Committee to investigate terms of a potential collaboration.

The proposed joint-facility, which has a planned location of 557 Wellington Street, would be a special purpose building of approximately 20,163 square metres and would serve as both a new central library branch for the City of Ottawa and as a space for LAC to support its public services and programs (e.g., exhibitions of LAC's collections, education seminars, etc.). LAC

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would occupy approximately 39 per cent of the new facility. The City of Ottawa would lead the project management and construction plan.

Considerations



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s.21(1)(b)

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s.69(1)(g) re: (e)

KEY MESSAGES

- The project presents an interesting and unique opportunity for both Library and Archives Canada and the City of Ottawa.
- The two organizations have been working well together since November 2015.
- Minister Joly and Minister McKenna have raised this issue, and it will be looked at in the context of Budget 2018.
- What is the City of Ottawa doing on their side to secure funding, approvals, and solidify planning?



Jim Watson
Mayor, City of Ottawa

Jim Watson is currently serving his second term as Mayor of the City of Ottawa, having been re-elected on October 27, 2014 with more than 76 per cent of the popular vote. First elected as a Councillor in 1991, he was re-elected in 1994. Three years later, he was elected as the youngest Mayor in Ottawa's history with 82 per cent of the popular vote.

Mayor Watson has also served as a Member of Provincial Parliament for Ottawa West-Nepean from 2003 to 2010, where he served as Minister of Consumer and Business Services, Minister of Health Promotion (where he implemented the Smoke Free Ontario Act), and as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, where he signed the largest Federal-Provincial Housing agreement in Ontario's history.

Mayor Watson is an active member of his community, and has served on the boards or as honorary chair of several community organizations, including the Riverside Hospital, the National Arts Centre, the Christmas Exchange of Ottawa and the Forum for Young Canadians. He served as chair of United Way's 2002 campaign, which raised a record \$21 million.

An avid volunteer with several groups, he has helped serve meals at the Shepherds of Good Hope, a local soup kitchen. His commitment to those less fortunate was evident when, in August of 2000, he contributed his entire municipal severance payment of \$31,000 to Ottawa's Union Mission for Men.

His years of active involvement and community service have made him the recipient of several awards and accolades, including Maclean's magazine's "100 Young Canadians To Watch," Carleton University Honours Award, the City of Ottawa's highest civic honour, the Key to the City; the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal; the Visionary Award by the Ontario Pharmacists' Association, and the National Leadership Award by the Canadian Council for Tobacco Control for his role in implementing the Smoke Free Ontario Act.

Mayor Watson was recognized for his support of the tourism industry by being named Ottawa Tourism Leader of the Year in 2012. In 2013, he was recognized by the Canadian Housing Renewal Association for his work on breaking the cycle of poverty. In 2014, Mayor Watson was named "Communicator of the Year" by the International Association of Business Communicators' Ottawa chapter.



Tim Tierney

Councillor - Ward 11 Beacon Hill-Cyrville

Tim Tierney is serving his second term as City Councillor for Ward 11 (first elected in 2010). With the City of Ottawa, he is currently the chair of the Ottawa Public Library Board, and Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee.

Tim is also the City of Ottawa's representative and board member to Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and serves as Chair of the Ontario caucus, as well as serving on other committees.

Tim is a long-time resident of Beacon Hill-Cyrville, has been active in ensuring his community continues to grow and thrive as an integral part of Ottawa. His dedicated commitment to Beacon Hill-Cyrville includes many years of volunteering for a variety of local development projects, sports and recreational groups, schools, social services, and community organizations.



Jim Watson
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December 8, 2017

Honourable Minister Bill Morneau
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Dear Minister Morneau,

I would like to take the opportunity to bring to your attention a project that is a high priority for me, the Ottawa Public Library Board, and Ottawa City Council - the Ottawa Central Library project. The new Ottawa Central Library aims to be a joint facility in partnership with Library and Archives Canada, which will not only provide a citywide library service, but as well a meaningful destination for all residents and visitors to Canada's national capital.

The concept of a joint facility was first developed when Library and Archives Canada approached the Ottawa Public Library during the early phases of the Central Library project. Since November 2015, the Ottawa Public Library and Library and Archives Canada have been working together to develop a partnership for a joint facility that would be unique in Canada.

The new Ottawa Central Library will be located at the easterly edge of the historic LeBreton Flats area, in a natural ravine setting, close to the Parliamentary Precinct and directly served by the City's new light rail transit system. Bringing Library and Archives Canada and the Ottawa Public Library together in a single, purpose-built facility offers both exciting new programming opportunities and demonstrated value for federal and municipal taxpayers.

For residents and visitors, the partnership is expected to provide a richer customer experience with enhanced access to national collections and resources for Ottawa library customers. It will provide increased exposure for Library and Archives Canada services due to the higher number of visitors to the Ottawa library, as well as opportunities for collaborative programming, including a shared exhibition gallery and genealogy centre – all in a one-of-a-kind facility that is expected to be both a municipal and national landmark unprecedented in Canada.

From a real estate perspective, this facility offers good value for money for the important services Library and Archives Canada provides to Canadians. The planned facility is approximately 216,000 gross square feet with roughly a 60% and 40% area ratio between the Ottawa Public Library and Library and Archives Canada, respectively. The project capital budget is \$168 million in which \$99 million is the City's portion and \$69 million would be the Library and Archives Canada portion.



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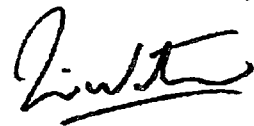
The facility is consistent with the National Capital Commission's vision for the development of the LeBreton Flats district. Library and Archives Canada staff has evaluated the proposed partnership closely, through third party business case analysis and compared corporate values, and concluded convincingly that this is a sound partnership to pursue, both quantitatively and qualitatively.

This innovative, forward-thinking joint project can only proceed when the collaboration with Library and Archives Canada receives approval by the Government of Canada. The procurement process is underway to select the design team with submissions received from all around the world. This is a unique opportunity for federal and municipal governments to join forces and create a landmark civic and national institution.

This project is one of Ottawa City Council's top priorities for the year ahead. In conversations with Minister Joly and Minister McKenna both are supportive of the project, and with your support and approval of the Library and Archives Canada's budget request through Heritage Canada, we will be able to finalize the collaboration between the City of Ottawa and the Government of Canada and begin to build something both our governments will be proud of.

I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss with you this important project. My staff will follow up with your office to schedule a meeting at your convenience.

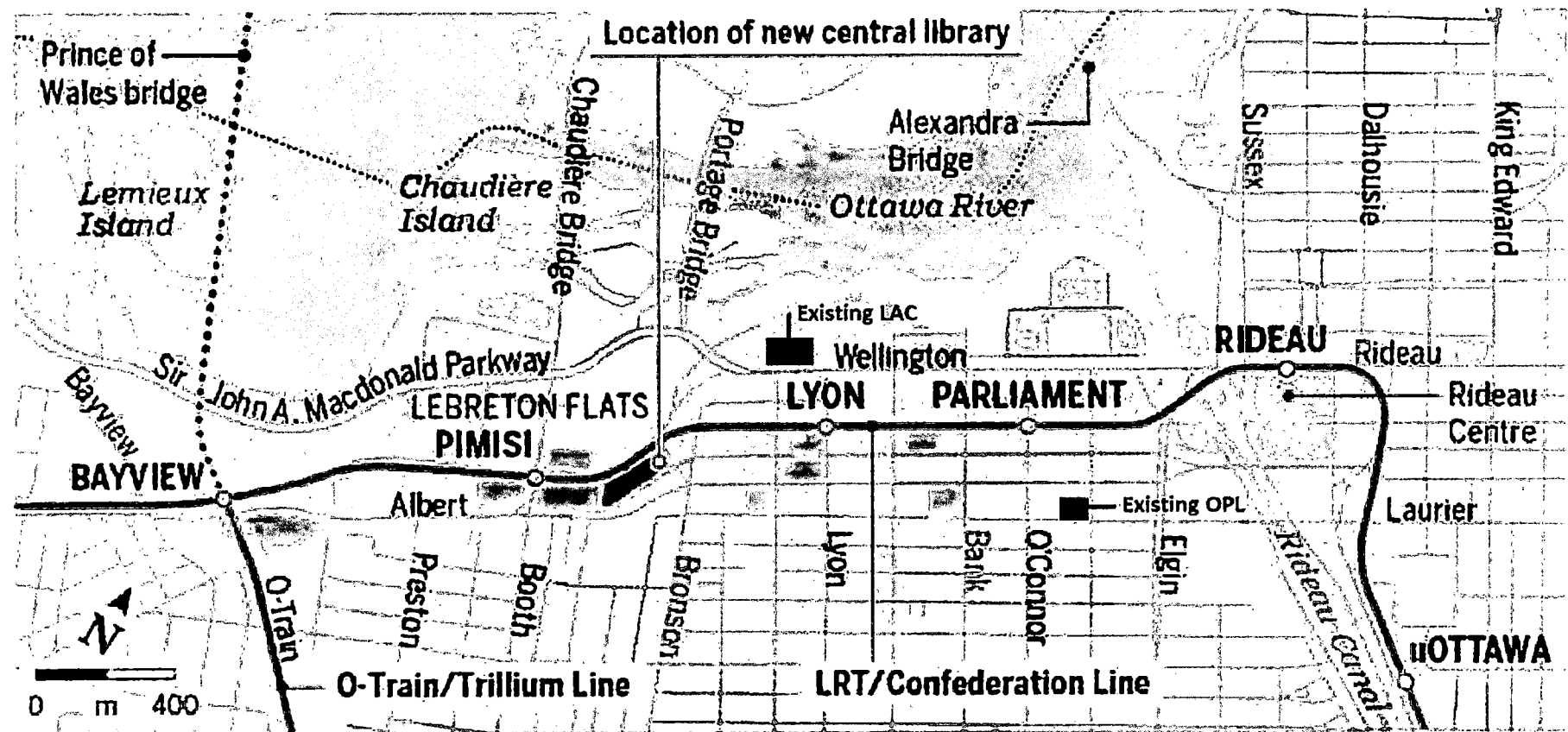
Sincerely,



Jim Watson
Mayor
City of Ottawa

C.C: Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage
Tim Tierney, Chair, Ottawa Public Library Board
Danielle McDonald, Chief Executive, Officer Ottawa Public Library
Justin To, Policy and Budget Director, Office of the Minister of Finance

Other Sites that had been considered for new Central Library





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